

# CALIFORNIA'S CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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**Grapes** - Production of all grape varieties for the 1999 season is forecast at 5.9 million tons, up 10% from last season. Raisin-type grapes is 2.25 million tons, up 4%, while table grapes is forecast at 750,000 tons, up 16%. Wine-type grapes is forecast at 2.9 million tons, up 13%. Picking of Thompson Seedless variety grapes for fresh use, wine crush, and raisin lay was still active in late September. Harvest of the wine-type variety grapes is active with good quality reported.

**Oranges** - This year's orange crop is forecast at 134 million cartons, up 76%. California's Navel orange forecast is 80 million cartons, up 90%. Picking of early season navel orange varieties is expected to begin in the Edison area of Kern County by mid October. After the devastating freeze in the San Joaquin Valley(90 percent of state's navel acreage) last December the trees have bounced back with a good set, but small sized fruit. California Valencia oranges is up 59% with 54 million cartons.

**Grapefruit** - Grapefruit crop is forecast at 16 million cartons, up 7% from last season. Harvest of this season's crop will be getting underway shortly. The cooler weather has produced less soft, but smaller fruit.

**Cotton** - American Pima cotton is forecast at 620,000 bales, up 76%. Upland cotton is 1.45 million bales, a 27% increase. Growing conditions in the San Joaquin Valley have been virtually ideal for most of September. Crop progress was still at least a week behind normal in most fields due to the predominantly cool growing season. Some fields which were planted extremely late will be very to difficult to defoliate, and harvest may extend past mid-November.

**Others** - The *lemon* forecast is 41 million cartons, up 27% from last season's 32.4 million cartons; *Tangerine* production is 4.6 million cartons, up 53%; *Pecan* production forecast is 2.3 million pounds, up 35 percent from the 1998 production of 1.7 million pounds. *Corn for grain* production is at 1.22 million tons, up 5%; *Alfalfa hay* is at 6.9 million tons, 4% above last year; *other hay* production is at 1.46 million tons, down 2%; *Rice* crop is at 41.1 million cwt. with a yield of 7,500 pounds per acre from 548,000 harvested acres.